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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 15-26 are pending.
2. Claims 15-26 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by, or in the alternative, as being unpatentable over Coran et al. (US Patent 4173556).

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments filed on 4/23/2007 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argues that the Coran reference is silent with respect to the conductivity of the carbon black used in the composition and thus concludes that the carbon black must be nonconductive and used merely as a filler or black pigment.

Applicant also suggests that none of the applications disclosed for the Coran composition imply the use of a conductive carbon black therefore the Coran reference does not teach the manufacture of polyamid articles of the instant claims.

The Examiner respectfully disagrees with the Applicant. Examiner notes that the applications listed in Col. 10, lines 25-27 include making molded parts such as hoses, belts and gaskets. These uses are similar to those uses disclosed by Applicant in the Specification of the instant application (see pg. 10, lines 1-4, e.g. "tubes intended for transporting fluids or gases"). Examiner also notes that all carbon blacks contain a minimum level of conductivity and, absent a definition of what constitutes a conductive carbon black in the Specification, the Examiner contends that carbon black of Coran

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could meet the limitations of the instant Claims. Finally, Examiner notes that there are no method claims at issue in the instant application and therefore

Conclusion

4. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jaison P. Thomas whose telephone number is (571) 272-8917. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.

6. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Douglas McGinty can be reached on (571) 272-1029. The fax phone


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